



KENTUCKY ADULT EDUCATION REPORT CARD – 2004 GO HIGHER

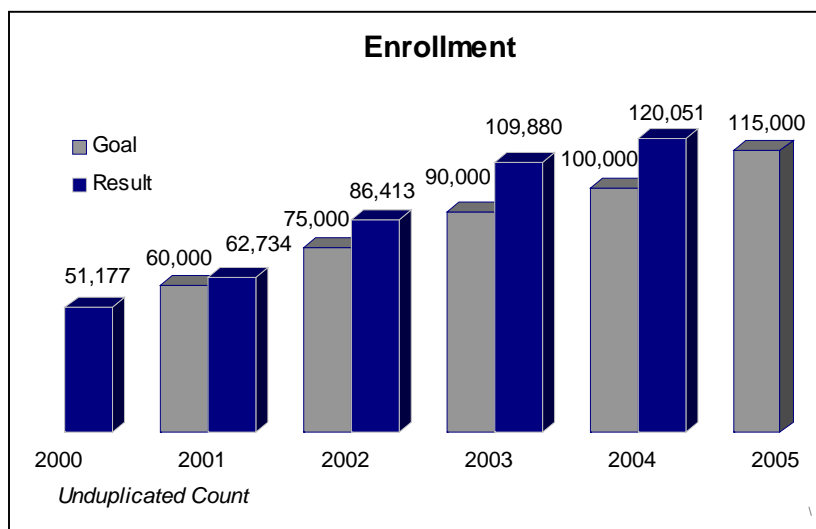
Kentucky's Challenge:

- In 2000, only 5.0 percent of the 996,000 adult Kentuckians functioning at the lowest levels of literacy were participating in adult education programs. (*Kentucky Adult Literacy Survey, 1997*)
- In Kentucky, 18.2 percent of the adults, age 25 and older, do not have a high school diploma or GED, compared to 14.85 percent nationally. (*2004 Current Population Survey – U.S. Census Bureau*)
- Eighty percent of new jobs created in the next two decades will require some postsecondary education. (*Adult Learners and State Policy, 2003, State Higher Education Executive Officers and the Council for Adult and Experiential Education*)
- Forty percent (almost one million) of the 2.4-million working-age adults function at the two lowest levels of literacy. (*Kentucky Adult Literacy Survey, 1997*)

Kentucky measures its success in adult education with five questions.

Are more Kentuckians participating in adult education programs?

- 36,825 enrolled in Adult Basic Education
- 51,388 enrolled in Workforce Education
- 10,259 enrolled in GED Preparation
- 4,397 enrolled in Family Literacy
- 11,332 enrolled in Distance Education, www.kyvae.org
- 4,841 enrolled in English as a Second Language
- 6,996 enrolled in Corrections Education

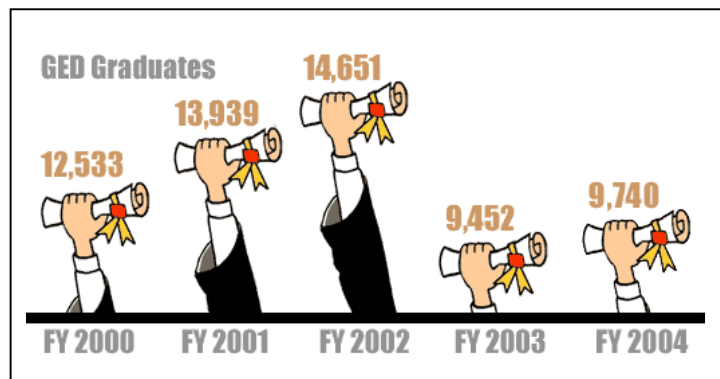


NOTE: Adult education students may participate in more than one area of study.

Are more adult education students meeting their educational goals?

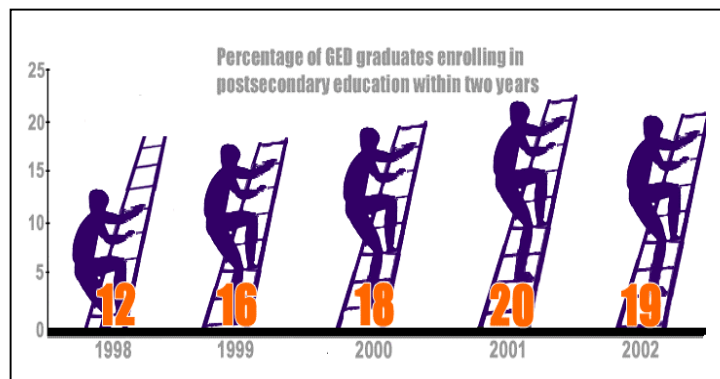
- Kentucky ranked 20th in the U.S. in the percentage of non-high school completers earning a GED. (*GEDTS 2002 Statistical Report*)
- In both 2001 and 2002, Kentucky ranked in the top 5 states in GEDs awarded as a percent of all high school completers. (*The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems*)

NOTE: National rankings for 2003 are not yet available.



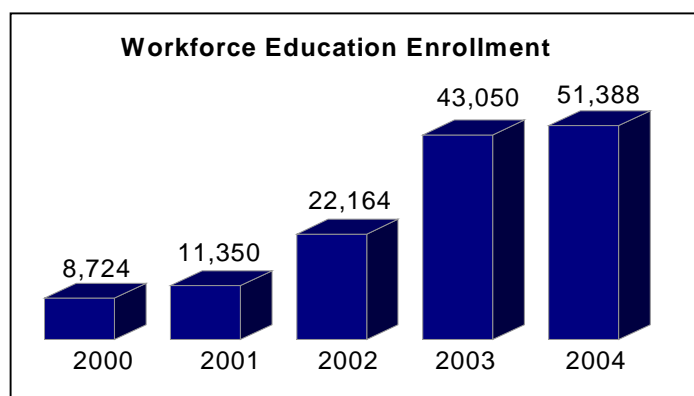
Are more adult education students advancing on to postsecondary education?

- Nineteen percent of the fiscal year 2001 GED graduates enrolled in postsecondary education by fall 2003.
- Of those who enrolled:
 - 80.8% enrolled in a public two-year institution
 - 14.3% enrolled in a public four-year institution
 - 4.9% enrolled in an independent institution



Are more adult education students prepared for employment and the changing workplace?

- Employees benefiting from workforce education programs represented 996 employers in 100 Kentucky counties.
- In 2004, 784 Kentucky Employability Certificates (KEC) were issued to adult education students. The KEC, based upon the ACT WorkKeys assessment, is a standardized credential that validates reading, math and locating information skills for specific occupations.



Are Kentucky's communities and economy benefiting?

- On average, individuals with a high school diploma or GED earn \$7,827 more a year in wages. The potential increased earnings for the 9,740 graduates in 2004 will be more than \$1.5 billion over a 20-year period. (*Mortenson's "Postsecondary Education Opportunity" median earnings in 2003 (U.S.)*).